Nelson & Lovina A. Murdock Home – Hospital

For many years there was no hospital in Heber. On two different occasions Dr. H. Ray Hatch attempted to establish small hospitals. The first was in the home of Lavina Murdock, with Marie Erickson as head nurse. There were four or five beds available. Another attempt was at the home of Lewis Alexander, whose wife was a registered nurse. Dr. Hatch then moved from the county and the efforts went no further.

Finally in 1932 the Heber Hospital was begun by Doctors Bert and T. A. Dannenberg. Dr. Bert started in 1925, and Dr. T. A. joined in 1932. In 1956 the hospital was renamed the Nielson Memorial Hospital in honor of the late Dr. Karl O. Nielson who was responsible for many of the improvements and innovations at the institution.



Dr. H. Ray Hatch

HATCH, Henry Ray, second counselor in the presidency of the Wasatch Stake, Wasatch Co., Utah, from 1917 to 1919, was born April 20, 1886, at Ashley, Uintah Co., Utah, a son of Abram C. Hatch and Maria H. Luke. He was baptized Oct. 28, 1909, ordained a High Priest Oct. 24, 1915, by Heber J. Grant, and set apart as second counselor in the stake presidency Sept. 27, 1917, by Heber J. Grant.

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